GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MODIFICATIONS IN NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State Governments and various organizations for modifications in National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) parameters including increase in number of working days to meet region specific requirements; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b): The Ministry received a proposal from Chief Minister of Rajasthan for enhancement of the number of days of guaranteed wage employment under NREGA from 100 to 200 days. Another proposal was received from Shri Lalit Kishore Chaturvedi, Member Parliament (Rajya Sabha) for increasing the number of days of employment in Scheduled Tribe areas. Both the proposals have been examined and they have been informed that NREGA provides for a legal guarantee for 100 days of wage employment in a financial year. However, Section 3(4) of the NREG Act, 2005, provides that the Central Government or the State Government may, within the limits of its economic capacity and development, make provisions for securing work to every adult member of a household under a scheme for any period beyond the period guaranteed under Section 3(1) of the Act, as may be expedient.